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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents:

Pages 2-3 (section 3) of the Notice of Allowance dated March 21, 2008 provided the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Statement explained the allowability of claims 4, 7, 15, and 18 over the prior art identified in the present application and over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,888,879 and 6,574,558. The Statement further provided other comments with respect to claims 4 and 15, and claims 7 and 18.

It is noted herein that claims 4, 7, 15, and 18 are allowable over all of the references on record, and not just over the specific references above that were identified in the Statement.

It is further noted herein that, to the extent that there may be differences between the language used in the Statement when discussing claims 4 and 15 and claims 7 and 18 and the actual language that is specifically recited in these claims, it is the actual language specifically recited in these claims that determines the scopes thereof. Moreover, the dependent claims are allowable by virtue of their dependency upon allowable base claims, and also by virtue of the recitations contained in each and every dependent claim.

The Statement appears to have categorized claims 4, 7, 15, and 18 of the present application as being directed towards an “improvement.” It is noted herein that the Statement’s categorization of the claims of the present application as being directed towards an “improvement” is not to be construed as an admission or interpretation of the present claims as being of Jepson format.

Accordingly, the scopes of the claims are not to be limited by the Statement.

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